# EXHIBIT 7

Case 2:21-cv-00310-JRG Document 454-4 Filed 02/15/23 Page 2 of 9 PageID #: 19947

2

# APPEARANCES CONTINUED:

MORGAN LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP BY: JODY C. BARILLARE, ESQUIRE

-and-

4

5

6

1

2

3

GOODWIN PROCTER LLP

BY: BRETT SCHUMAN, ESQUIRE BY: DOUGLAS KLINE, ESQUIRE

BY: ANDREW ONG, ESQUIRE

BY: RACHEL M. WALSH, ESQUIRE

For the Defendant

7

9

\*\*\* PROCEEDINGS \*\*\*

10

DEPUTY CLERK: All rise.

11

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

THE COURT: All right. Good morning, everyone.

12 | Please be seated.

agenda here -- that's not actually true. The main thing that I have on my agenda here is that I did get the two letters and the deposition designations, and I don't have a answer for you right now. Although I think that once we take out the things that 2Wire says it's not actually proposing, basically we have two different series of questions and answers, and they only take up about two or three pages of the transcript. So I'm reading them, but I haven't finished reading them yet, but I will probably do that while you're passing the exhibits back and forth to pick the jury.

Just to refresh my memory on this, basically

25

200

# Tzannes - Cross

- 1 | latency among bonded lines; isn't that right?
- A. So, okay, I don't know what you mean by that exactly.
- 3 Like I said, the ideas came from me and from my
- 4 co-inventors, so these ideas ended up in the standard in
- 5 both places. So of course I -- what do you mean propose,
- 6 what do you mean by propose?
- 7 Q. Matt, can we go to -- hold on Matt.
- 8 Do you know who Hugh Barrass is, Mr. Tzannes?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Hugh Barrass was with a company called Cisco Systems;
- 11 right?
- 12 | A. **Uh-huh.**
- 13 Q. And Cisco Systems participated in 802.3ah; right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 \| \( \text{O} \). And Mr. Barrass made contributions regarding how
- 16 differential delay among bonded transceivers should be
- 17 | handled in 802.3ah; right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. In fact, it was Mr. Barrass who made the proposal to
- 20 | limit to some maximum the differential latency among bonded
- 21 | transceivers in 802.3ah; isn't that right?
- 22 A. Yes. And he made that proposal after my -- he makes
- 23 | this propose, he's aware of my idea. This happened all the
- 24 | time, counselor, so if you have a good idea, other people
- 25 can actually support it, and they will make contributions by

# Tzannes - Cross

- saying hey, this is the way we should do this. So you're
  talking about much later, you understand, this happened much
  later, all these contributions, after my idea and my patent
  was already published, it's already actually out there.
  - Q. Are you testifying, Mr. Tzannes, that's when Mr. Hugh
    Barrass from Cisco Systems proposed limiting maximum
    differential delay on bonded lines on 802.3ah he was
    actually ripping off our idea?
  - A. No, I'm saying the opposite, I'm not saying that. I can show you numerous contributions, I have made them, other people have made them, that involve ideas that maybe other people come up with. Like you said, I didn't invent the Reed Solomon coder, but I like Reed Solomon code so I propose it. Does that mean I'm ripping off Reed Solomon?

    No. If it's a good idea, you propose it.
  - Q. You're aware there is a database maintained by the IEEE, Mr. Tzannes, on the people who make comments on standards as they're being developed at the IEEE?
  - A. I'm sure there is.

- Q. You're aware that that database reflects a comment from Mr. Barrass which tracks almost precisely the language in the 802.3ah standard for dealing with differential latency among bonded transceivers?
- A. Say that again.
- 25 Q. You're aware that the language in the comment from

#### Tzannes - Cross

Mr. Barrass in the IEEE 802.3ah database tracks nearly word for word the language that winds up in the 802.3ah standard for how to deal with differential latency between bonded transceivers?

- A. I'm not surprised, if Hugh made a proposal, again, based on my idea that he word it in a certain way that standards committee liked the wording, they may have adopted his language.
- Q. Can you put up the comparison.

Mr. Tzannes, at the top is Mr. Barrass's comment in the IEEE 802.3ah database for how to deal with differential latency among bonded transceivers. He says the PMD control of aggregated links must ensure that the maximum latency difference between any two aggregated links corresponds to no more than 64,000 bit times. This must be achieved by adjusting the bit rate, error correction and interleaving functions in the PMA/PMD of each link. Note that the burst noise protection offered by the error correction and interleaving functions is directly proportional to the latency, therefore, it is logical that multiple aggregated links in the same environment should be optimized to have similar latencies.

Did I read that correctly?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. And did you have an independent recollection,

# Tzannes - Cross

- as you sit here today, Mr. Tzannes, that that was

  Mr. Barrass' contribution to 802.3ah?
  - MR. PAUL McANDREWS: Your Honor, I object under 402 and 403 as a defense that has never been set forth. I request a side-bar.
    - THE COURT: I don't think it actually is a defense, but that doesn't mean that it's not relevant so I'm going to overrule the objection.
- 9 MR. PAUL McANDREWS: Thank you, Your Honor.
  10 BY MR. SCHUMAN:
  - Q. And then what we have here, Mr. Tzannes, this is actually the language -- the lower part of the slide is actually the language in the 802.3ah standard, the one that's incorporated into 998.2; right?
  - A. Right.

3

4

5

6

7

8

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

- Q. And it starts out by saying the PMD control of aggregated links controls the maximum latency difference between any two aggregated links. Pretty similar to the first sentence of Mr. Barrass' comment; right?
- A. Yes.
  - Q. The difference is actually the must ensure that is removed when we get to the 802.3ah standard for Mr. Barrass' comment; right?
- 24 A. Yeah, I see that.
- 25 Q. Okay. And then the next sentence that was actually

# Tzannes - Cross

in the standard says, This is achieved by configuring the bit rate, error correction, and interleaving functions in the PMA/PMD of each link.

That's pretty close to what Mr. Barrass said in the second sentence of his comment; right?

A. Yes.

- Q. And actually the difference is Mr. Barrass said this must be achieved by adjusting the bit rate, error correction, and interleaving function. And when we get to the final standard, it no longer says this must be achieved; right? The must be is removed; right?
- 12 | A. Yes.
  - Q. And then the third sentence winds up in the final standard says, The burst noise protection offered by the error correction and interleaving functions is directly proportional to the latency, therefore it is logical that multiple aggregated links in the same environment should be optimized to have similar latencies.

And the only difference between that third sentence of what's actually in the standard and what Mr. Barrass' comments should be in the standard is the removal of the words note that; correct?

- A. Correct.
- 24 Q. You knew Mr. Barrass; right?
- 25 A. **Yeah.**

# Tzannes - Redirect

	Tzannes - Redirect
1	Q. He since passed away. You know that; right?
2	A. I know.
3	Q. Did you ever tell Mr. Barrass that you had a patent
4	dealing with what he was proposing here for IEEE 802.3ah?
5	A. Oh, he knew it. He knew it already.
6	MR. SCHUMAN: Thank you, Mr. Tzannes. I don't
7	have anymore questions for Mr. Tzannes.
8	THE COURT: Any redirect?
9	MR. PAUL McANDREWS: Yes, Your Honor, just a few
10	questions.
11	THE COURT: Sure.
12	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
13	BY MR. PAUL MCANDREWS:
14	Q. Could you please I'm sorry would you please put
15	go ahead.
16	MR. SCHUMAN: Your Honor, I want to move to
17	admit JTX 25. It's the joint trial exhibit that's the
18	802.3ah standard.
19	MR. PAUL McANDREWS: Without objection.
20	THE COURT: Without objection.
21	(JTX 25 was admitted into evidence.)
22	MR. PAUL McANDREWS: Would you please put back
23	up on the screen the comments from Mr. Barrass that
24	l
21	Mr. Schuman was just presenting to him?